Inspecting Officer who has to make the first say. If that is not satisfactory he is referred to the Medical Officer.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—If at the request of the Inspecting Officer a certificate is produced, he is not bound to accept that certificate?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—It is left to the discretion of the final authority. The Government may overrule.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—The Inspecting Officer asks for a certificate from a competent doctor and he produces a certificate from a Government Doctor and if that Doctor certifies that he is capable of discharging his work should he not at least respect that officer's decision?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—I have explained that.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—Are they necessary in the case of teachers in the Government service?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—Teachers in Government service automatically retire at 55.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—May I know why a different principle is followed in the case of aided school teachers?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—It is a private agency and I may say Blood is thicker than Water. If there are relations they will try to keep them on. I have got any number of cases even within this short period that I have been here. It is a very difficult thing for the Department to insist upon private managers to follow the same rules literally as in Government service. They have their own freedom. These are really difficult problems.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—If there are such cases as I stated, will the Government consider them?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—I have none to my knowledge.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I shall bring it to your notice.

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—Then I shall decide on the merits.

Age of retirement of teachers in Aided Schools.

383. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the age of retirement from service of teachers in aided schools has been fixed; and if so,

(b) what is the age fixed,

(c) when was it fixed;

(d) whether a copy of the order fixing the age be printed and placed on the Council table;

(e) whether the Memo C. No. 10769/06, dated 16th April 1931, issued from the Office of the Director of Public Instruction be printed and placed on the Council table;

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(f) whether any subsequent order has been passed stating that the order regarding the relief of teachers far advanced in age from aided schools may be held in abeyance until further orders; and if so,

(g) whether a copy of the aforesaid order be printed and placed on the Council table;

(h) whether a copy of the order, if any, now in force relating to the retirement of teachers in aided schools be printed and placed on the Council table?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—(a) and (b) The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 382.

(c) The order was issued by the Director of Public Instruction on 22nd July 1933.

(d) Copy of the order is appended. (*Appendix I* (1).)

Instructions to the following effect were also issued by the Director of Public Instruction:—

"60 should be considered as the limit of useful service and teachers of aided schools who have attained this age may be relieved.

Teachers after this age, provided they produce a medical certificate of physical fitness and are testified to their teaching capacity by the Inspecting Officers, may be retained in service.

Teachers who are above 55 and below 60, if they are found physically unfit as certified by a competent Medical authority and who are really unfit to continue as teachers in the opinion of the Inspecting Officers may be relieved".

(e) Copy of the Memo C. No. 10769/06, dated 16th April 1931, is appended. (*Appendix I* (2).)

(f) Yes.

(g) Copy of the Memo C. 10769/06, dated 9th May 1931, is appended. *Appendix I* (3).)

(h) Please see answer to sub-division (d).

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—May I know, Sir, why the order is kept in abeyance?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—I think I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is it a case of blood is thicker than water? Has that proverb any application here?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—I cannot say at this stage.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Have the Government passed definite orders or is this question still pending with the Government, about the retirement of aided school teachers?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—The order passed is given here and if it is held in abeyance perhaps it may be in accordance with the decision of this House itself. I am not quite sure. The order was passed only in May.

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Mr. George Chakyamuri.—May I know whether the order which had been kept in abeyance was cancelled afterwards?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes. It was cancelled and final orders were issued.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government see that if only the Inspecting Officer is of opinion that his services should be continued provided he produces a medical certificate of fitness, such certificates will be called for hereafter so that the candidates may not be put to unnecessary loss ?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—Government will consider it.

Text-Books prescribed for schools.

384. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—With reference to the Text-Books that are now prescribed in our schools, will the Government be pleased to give the following particulars in a tabular form:—

(1) the names of publishers;

(2) the number and names of books of such publishers prescribed;

(3) the classes for which they are prescribed;

(4) the year in which they are prescribed;

(5) the number of years for which they are prescribed?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—A statement is appended. (*Appendix II*).

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether in Appendix II, where the names of books, the name of publishers etc., are printed, the Government has followed any particular arrangement ?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—No. It is only arbitrary. Somebody should be given the first place.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—With regard to this Appendix II, p. 20, V. Sundara Ayyar & Sons, Trichur, may I know whether the 15 books are the books prescribed this year or are they books continued from previous years?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—The year in which they are prescribed is given there. For example, Vidya Vinodum 10th Reader was published in 1107. It is given there.

Copying fees—distribution to copyists.

385. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—With reference to question No. 94, dated 14th December 1927, will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what portion of the copying fees was distributed among the copyists before 1083;

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APPENDIX I (1).

(Vide Answer to Question No. 383).

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

Read again this office Proceedings, dated 21st June 1933, Dis. 4657/D/08.

Order dated 22nd July 1933, C. 13156/1108.

The order in this office Proceedings read above will be modified as follows.

The Inspecting Officers are informed that the continuance of aided school teachers after 60 and their dismissal before 60 should be done with a medical certificate—the Inspecting Officers' opinion regarding the teacher's capacity being an essential factor for either course.

(Sd.)
Director.

To

The Inspecting Officers, including Deputy Inspectors and Deputy Inspectress.

APPENDIX I (2).

C. 10769/1106.

Office of the Director of Public Instruction,
Trichur,
16th April 1931.

MEMO.

It is observed that teachers retired from Government service and far advanced in age are retained on the staff of aided schools and that most of them are physically incapacitated from discharging their duties satisfactorily. The Managers of aided schools should be informed forthwith that all such teachers should be relieved and that the correct age of all the teachers should be furnished in a separate column while submitting the staff list for the next educational year.

(Sd.)
I. N. MENON,
Director.

To

The Inspecting Officers.

APPENDIX I (3).

C. 10769/06.

Office of the Director of Public Instruction,
Trichur,
9th May 1931.

MEMO.

Reference.—Memo dated 16th April 1931 on the above reference.

The order regarding the relief of teachers far advanced in age from aided schools may be held in abeyance until further orders.

(Sd.)
I. N. MENON,
Director.

To

The Inspecting Officers.

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